

# LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS AT ARIZONA CAPITAL

**Bills Introduced in Territorial Assembly and Measures That Have Become Statutes During Week's Grind of Law Mill.**

PHOENIX, Feb. 2.—After April 1 Arizona will be without a public examiner and national police known as the Rangers.

By a strict party vote the council this afternoon passed the Weedlin bill abolishing the office of public examiner.

Within fifteen minutes the assembly by a strict party vote adopted the committee report in favor of both ranger and public examiner abolition bills.

These go to the governor tomorrow. It is believed Acting Governor Page will take no action, leaving the matter for Kibbey's return.

At least five Democrats in the house voted against their conscience on the Ranger bill: Bailey, Roberts and Sutter, of Cochise, and Wolf and De Sousa, of Maricopa. Democrats made cautious measures of both bills.

In the council President Hunt paid a tribute to Foster and the conduct of his office, but explained he bowed to the will of the Democratic majority. Breen, Republican, of Coconino, delivered a scathing arraignment of Democracy, declaring the public examiner bill was one born of personal vindictiveness, narrow-minded, and bound to work ill to the Democratic party.

Weedlin, rising to a question of personal privilege, declared Foster had made the statement he (Weedlin) had framed the bill because Foster had made him dig up \$1500 on forfeited bonds. Weedlin declared he had never been on a bond, for like most newspaper men he never had \$1500 in his life.

Foster said this evening he never heard of Weedlin being on any bond. Foster in his last annual report shows that in the past two years he saved the territory many thousands of dollars by compelling delinquent office holders to make good big shortages. According to the report not a single county but what would have been shaken by a scandal had not the public examiner handled these shortages diplomatically and compelled settlements without publicity.

In the assembly a bill was introduced changing school text books once in six years, making ninety days notice necessary and giving firms thirty days to bid on contracts.

The house passed a bill permitting railroads to issue securities in denominations of \$100 instead of \$500.

PHOENIX, Feb. 3.—A big delegation of employees of various railroads in Arizona, headed by J. L. Seamounts and E. R. McDaniel, of Tucson, and W. S. Fox and N. Lebeaume, of Prescott, are here to fight the anti-railroad bills already introduced in the council and house.

The men declare they are representing railroad organized labor in Arizona from the lowliest mechanics to the Brotherhood of Engineers. They are opposed to any and all fare and freight reduction bills and the establishment of a commission.

They spent most of the day telling legislators the bills, if made laws, will put hundreds of men idle and tie up immense proposed extensions and retard the material growth of the territory.

A big protest from organized railway employees at Tucson has been filed. That a big fight has begun is certain. O'Neill and Tobey, however, fathers of the graded fares bill in the council and house respectively, declare the present of the lobby was expected and will not affect legislation.

The house has sent the bills abolishing the Rangers and public examiner to the governor.

Kibbey returns Monday.

Weedlin, father of these other two bills, introduced another immediately abolishing the office of assistant secretary of the territory, held by Lew Collins, who is accused of pernicious political activity in the Cameron campaign.

Bills were introduced in the council as follows: By Hampton, providing that petitions for elections to change county seats must be signed by one-third of the electorate and represent one-fourth the assessed county valuation;

Providing for a commission to draft a new code of mining laws;

By Weedlin abolishing the office of assistant secretary of the territory.

In the house bills were introduced confining all executions to the penitentiary; giving husbands and wives

separate property rights; making ten years' insanity grounds for divorce; fixing theatrical licenses on the population ratio; regulation of fire insurance companies; re-establishing a peddler's license, small stands at \$75 a quarter, wagons at \$100; giving thirty-year teachers a \$100 monthly pension.

A bill for the relief of ex-Sheriff Murphy for \$500 expended in the extradition of a prisoner from California was opposed by O'Neill, Democrat, on the ground that it was a bad precedent.

A discussion developed that various committees were in the habit of reporting bills favorably about which the members knew little if anything outside of one member.

A number reported for a third reading went back to the committee with instructions for a more intelligent consideration.

PHOENIX, Feb. 4.—Through the activity of Burns and Chief Clerk Robinson, the bill permitted supervisors to employ a superintendent of the county hospital at a specified salary instead of farming it out at bids as under the present system, passed the council this afternoon by a vote of 11 to 1.

Hunt of Gila alone voted in the negative.

Within fifteen minutes thereafter the bill was engrossed and was in the hands of the governor.

It will be signed by him Saturday as it has already received the approval of Attorney General Clark and Supervisor Barney Smith has been working for the passage of this bill. It was necessary to have it passed today as Yavapai county supervisors are obliged to take action Monday. Hence bids now before the Yavapai board of supervisors will be rejected and a superintendent will be appointed.

Indications now are that the Pace local option bill will be defeated. The vote, however, will be close.

A resolution by O'Neill of Maricopa calls upon Secretary Page to furnish an itemized statement of the fees of his office and the disposition of the same. The object of the resolution is to cut off the secretary's bids and abolish the office of Assistant Secretary Lew Collins. It is purely a vindictive proposition. A lively tilt occurred in the council when the bill came up for a third reading and its final passage, requiring that the citizen member of the board of control shall be of the same political faith as the governor.

The measure hits at Riggs, a Democrat who is suspected of having aided Cameron in Cochise county.

Hampton opposed the bill and Hunt left his chair to take the floor to oppose what he felt to be his duty, even though it was a Democratic measure. There had been no caucuses on the proposition and Democrats were at sea. But the bill was recommended to the committee in order to gain time to whip Democratic members into line.

Hampton's bill provided that where corporations develop underground water the water shall belong to the land, was referred to the committee of the whole. A house substitute bill relating to deposit of money in lieu of bonds was passed.

Weedlin introduced a bill providing that where there is no fire proof shaft or hoisting house there shall be an escapement from the lowest level of the mine after stopping begins.

In the house the committee recommended more buildings for the industrial school but could see no reason for the removal of the location.

The Morris bill amending the probate law was passed, as was also Perry Hall's bill which specifies that mining property itself should be held liable for liens or miners or material men. The bill is said to be unconstitutional and will be killed by the council.

The Woolens' bounty bill as amended reducing wild cat skins from \$5 to \$1 was passed.

Peterson introduced a bill increasing the road tax from \$2 to \$3.

Both houses adjourned until Saturday morning.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 6.—Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president of Harvard University, will start tomorrow for an extensive trip through the southwest and south, visiting the various Harvard clubs.

## City News ...In Brief

(From Sunday's Daily)

**Jerome Visitor.**

S. S. Davis of Jerome is visiting in the city.

**Home from Globe.**

Fred Oliver has returned from an extended visit in Globe.

**Back from Williams.**

Jesse Profit returned last night from an engagement in Williams.

**Visiting Relatives.**

J. P. Ryan is in the city from Fossil Creek, visiting with relatives.

**Congress Junction Visitors.**

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Smith of Congress Junction are visiting in the city.

**Here on Business.**

John Kinney is in the city from the Kinney group of mines on business.

**Left for Phoenix.**

Attorney Leroy Anderson left last night for Phoenix on professional business.

**Roosevelt Bird Visits.**

The Roosevelt bird visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Martin in West Prescott Friday morning and presented this popular couple with a healthy baby son.

**Home from Cruise.**

G. C. Ruffner arrived home last night from a cruise through the Gulf of California.

**New Deputy Appointed.**

Walter Cline of Camp Wood has been appointed a deputy sheriff by Sheriff J. W. Smith.

**Left for Home.**

J. A. Stapp left last night for his home in Skull Valley after a short business visit here.

**Purchasing Supplies.**

M. J. Halloran is in the city from his camp on Groom Creek, purchasing mining supplies.

**Closed School.**

Miss Virginia Hite closed a successful six months' term of school in Groom Creek on Friday.

**Back from Bisbee.**

Martin Dergan returned yesterday from an extended visit in Bisbee, where he reports mining active.

**Left for Bouse.**

A. Hanssener was an outgoing passenger last night for the Bouse district, where he has mining interests.

**Left for Date Creek.**

E. Haney left last night for Date Creek after a short business visit here. He was accompanied by his daughter.

**Home from Phoenix.**

H. C. Shotwell of the firm of Latimer & Shotwell, arrived home yesterday morning from a business visit to Phoenix.

**Home from Visit.**

J. B. Jolly, county school superintendent, arrived home yesterday from an official visit to the Fair Oaks school.

**Mining Man Here.**

Andrew Tongue, a mine superintendent of the Weaver district, arrived here yesterday on a short visit on mining business.

**Home from the Springs.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hope and R. N. Fredericks arrived home yesterday afternoon from a pleasant week's outing in Castle Hot Springs.

**Constable Qualifies.**

E. N. Marlowe qualified as constable of Simmons precinct yesterday by filing his bond and oath in the office of the county recorder.

**A Flying Visit.**

H. B. Kohl, traveling passenger agent of the S. F. P. & P., and leased lines, paid a flying visit to Ash Fork yesterday, returning home on the night train.

**Home for Funeral.**

W. L. Burgett arrived home last night from Hennessy, Oklahoma, to attend the funeral of his son, William L. Burgett. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Catholic church. Interment will be in the Citizens Cemetery.

**Masquerade Ball.**

A grand masquerade ball will be given in Rudy Hall, Kirkland, the night of February 19. J. A. Stapp and C. A. Shupp are the committee in charge of arrangements for the social affair, which promises to eclipse any similar event ever held in Kirkland.

**Well Pleased With Property.**

J. J. Hughes, of Haynes, Arkansas, and T. C. Faltre, director of the Golden Ridge Mining and Milling Company, arrived here yesterday afternoon from a week's stay at their company's properties in the Weaver district. They are well pleased with the showing in their mines.

**Probate Business.**

The inventory and appraisal of the estate of James Croxdale, deceased, was returned, filed and recorded in the probate court yesterday. An order was made and entered allowing the widow a family allowance of \$50

a month from the estate, dating from the death of deceased.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

**Octave Visitor.**

E. Reissmann of Octave is here on business.

**Big Bug Visitor.**

Sam G. Johnson, the Big Bug mining man, is here on mining business.

**Wickenburg Visitor.**

J. B. Girard, the Wickenburg mining man, is here on mining business.

**Left for Bouse.**

D. A. Burke was an outgoing passenger Sunday night for Bouse, where he has mining interests.

**Left for Los Angeles.**

C. M. Shaw and I. R. Burris were outgoing passengers Sunday for a short visit in Los Angeles.

**Mine Manager Visits.**

John Slak, general manager of the Black Mountain Copper Company, is here on company business.

**McCabe Visitors.**

Charles Spaw and Anton Bizak, McCabe miners, arrived here last night to enjoy well earned vacations. They report mining active in the Big Bug district and a full force employed in the Gladstone mine.

**Left for Home.**

Mrs. W. H. Speidel left yesterday for her home in Ash Fork, after a four days' visit here with friends.

**A Flying Visit.**

E. G. Wiel of Chapparral paid a flying business visit to the city yesterday, returning to his home in Chapparral in the afternoon.

**Spent Yesterday Here.**

J. H. Farrell, general manager of the New England-Arizona Mining Company, spent several hours here yesterday, on business.

**Left for Home.**

Ralph J. Lester left last Sunday night for Jacksonville, Florida, in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his mother.

**A Flying Visit.**

George Margaretie, the Black Rock mining man, paid a flying visit to the city Sunday, returning to his camp near Constellation that night.

**Visited Here Sunday.**

W. S. Goldsworthy, general agent of the Santa Fe at Phoenix, visited with relatives and friends here Sunday, returning home on the night train.

**More Bounty Pelts.**

Bounty pelt contributors yesterday were James Goodwin with the outer coverings of two wild cats, Juan M. Esinas with the pelts of three untamed felines and M. B. Ross with the hide of one lynx.

**Left for Camp.**

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Block arrived here Saturday from Phoenix, where he attended an examination for deputy United States mineral surveyor. He left for his mining camp near Vicksburg Sunday night.

**Pioneer Passes Through.**

Captain John Nance, the Grand Canyon pioneer, passed through here yesterday on his way from Phoenix to his home at the greatest of nature's wonders. The captain recently recovered from a severe attack of illness.

**Miner Injured.**

An Italian miner, one of whose feet was badly mangled in an accident in the Old Tiger mine yesterday morning, was lodged in the Mercy Hospital here last night. He was brought here on the belated Crown King train.

**Old Timer Visits.**

Lon Richards, a former resident of this city, Jerome and Walker, arrived here Sunday from Fairbanks, Alaska, after an absence of six years. He is engaged in mining in Alaska and has accumulated a snug fortune since leaving in Alaska in the latter '90's. He was busy yesterday renewing old acquaintances and is anxious to hear of his brothers, whom he has not seen or heard from since his last visit here.

**ARGUE TOM REED LITIGATION**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Ex-Governor Thomas of Colorado, one of the noted mining lawyers of the west, is in the city representing plaintiffs in the suit of the stockholders of the Blue Ridge Mining and Milling Company versus the Tom Reed Mining Company.

Arguments to set aside an injunction restraining the Tom Reed Mining Company from paying dividends commenced in the district court yesterday afternoon. Attorney John Mason Ross for the Tom Reed Mining Company occupied the entire session in his argument yesterday afternoon. Ex-Governor Thomas will open his argument at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

The case is a Mohave county one, the property in dispute being located in that county.

**LET'S SHAFT CONTRACT.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Ed Block let a contract yesterday for the unwatering of the shaft in the Sink to Rise claim in the Copper Basin district. The contractors were also awarded a contract to run several hundred feet of drifts from the station at the 100 foot level in the shaft.

The Sink to Rise is one of the promising gold and copper prospects of the district in which it is located.

# MISSING TUCSON MAN SHOWS UP AT TACOMA

**Absent Two Months T. A. Cox in Sad Plight Appears Far From Home And Tells Remarkable Recital Of Kidnapping**

TACOMA, Feb. 8.—The disappearance of T. A. Cox, general manager of the Arizona and Pittsburg Mining and Smelting Company of Tucson was partly cleared up last night when Cox walked into Tacoma from some Puget Sound port.

He had been absent from home since December 16.

Cox is reticent in regard to details, but he alleges he was shanghaied from San Francisco December 20 by abductors who placed him aboard a strange ship. His abductors robbed him of jewelry and \$175, and turned him adrift.

On Thursday Cox, penniless, ragged and tattered, without funds, telegraphed his wife.

He is with friends in this city. He is in shattered mental and physical state, but rational.

He promises to unravel details as soon as he can communicate with friends and relatives and start the machinery of the law against his abductors.

So weak was the condition of Cox today that visitors and reporters were denied admission to the rooms of the hospital.

While there is an air of mystery about his experience, he is said to speak like a man holding back a story of great wrong done by men.

When asked tonight if he would give the name of the ship on which he had been so long, he replied that he did not know the name.

The ship will land at San Francisco again in all he will say.

He complained of bruised back, legs and shoulders, and declared he had lost twenty pounds in weight since falling into the hands of his abductors.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 8.—The unraveling of the story of the mysterious disappearance of T. A. Cox of Patagonia in San Francisco on December 20 began today with the receipt by Mrs. Cox of a message from him in Tacoma, Wash. The message announced that he had been "shanghaied" in San Francisco, taken on board a whaling vessel bound for Alaskan waters, had made his escape somewhere in the Puget Sound country, and had managed to work his way to Tacoma, where he arrived badly injured but still able to travel.

Cox was superintendent of the Pittsburg and Arizona Development Company, which owns valuable mining property near Patagonia, and left for San Francisco on mining business, expecting to go from there to the east to confer with the company officials. He was a man of good habits, well liked by all and had at once time been the county surveyor of Pima county. His disappearance caused a great sensation in southern Arizona, as there was no apparent reason why he should run away of his own accord. The police and detective agencies of the country generally have sought diligently for him for several weeks past, but to no purpose.

Such an experience as Mr. Cox seems to have been victim of is most unusual and almost unbelievable in these days, though in years gone by such incidents were quite common. The practice of "shanghaied," though different in character, belongs to the age of piracy and other outrages on the high seas that in modern times are supposed to exist only in romances or the tales of former generations. But there is no reason to doubt the authenticity of this information, and nothing has developed since the disappearance of Mr. Cox to indicate any possible motive he would have for voluntarily keeping out of sight. He was one of the most widely known men in southern Arizona.

Steve Roemer said that he saw Mr. Cox in Benson on December 15. He said he was going to Pittsburg to attend a meeting of the directors of the company and said he would go to Tucson and take the limited from there. After leaving Benson, which he did suddenly when the next train came in, he wrote back to the hotel while en route to Tucson, apologizing

for going away without settling his bill, but saying he would be back in a few days and settle it. For some reason he decided to go east from Tucson via San Francisco, where he had some matters of business to attend to. On December 20 he wrote a letter to his wife from San Francisco, enclosing a check and informing her that he would leave that day for Pittsburg. That was the last heard of him until yesterday.

His prolonged absence caused inquiry at Pittsburg, and it was learned that he had not been there. Then a general search was begun for him and the police of many cities were advised to be on the lookout. The San Francisco authorities traced him to Oakland, where it was supposed he had taken a train for the east, being last seen in Oakland in company with two other men, who also disappeared and could not be found. An investigation of the company's affairs followed to see if there was any business reason why Cox should want to absent himself. His books were found correct, and on the contrary it was found that the company owed him money on some contract development work he was doing in the mine.

Asked about his personal habits and his family relations, both Mr. Bo. Whitesides and Mr. Roemer said they never heard of Mr. Cox gambling and that he drank but very little, not enough to be classed as a drinking man. His family relations seemed to be ideal. Mrs. Cox is what they termed "a nice woman," and both husband and wife seemed to be devoted to each other and almost constantly in each other's company, as he usually accompanied him on his business trips. He was not supposed to have had any great amount of money with him when he left home, possibly a couple of hundred dollars.

The brief message received yesterday of course gave few details, and one may speculate as well as another on the facts given. The fact that he was last seen with two strangers adds strength to the "shanghai" story, as they may have been the men who made him prisoner. Moreover, the business of "whaling" is not as attractive as it once was, and it is possible some shipowner engaged in that business had found difficulty in making up his crew and picked on Mr. Cox as a likely man to press into service. The statement that he escaped on Puget Sound somewhere and that he reached Tacoma in an injured condition suggests that he got away only after a struggle of some sort. Altogether, Jack London's story of the "Sea Wolf" and gives the impression that Mr. Cox fell in with the original Wolf Larsen, though Jack London himself is the authority for the well-earned death of that worthy.

**MAMIE MORRISON DIES.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Attorney R. E. Morrison received a telegram from St. Louis Sunday morning announcing the death in that city of his sister, Miss Mamie Morrison, after a lingering illness. She died early Sunday morning.

Her remains will be taken to Santa Fe, New Mexico, the home of her father, A. L. Morrison, for interment. Miss Morrison visited in this city several years ago and is remembered by a large circle of friends, who will read of her death with regret.

**WOOL CROP LIGHTER.**

(From Tuesday's Daily)

E. S. Gosney, banker, wool grower and man of affairs, passed through here yesterday on his way home to Flagstaff from Congress Junction, where he has large flocks ready to shear.

He says the wool crop will be lighter this year than last on account of the cold spring weather, although the number of sheep on the ranges is about as large as last season. He says fair prices are being offered for wool and that good feed on the desert pastures is reasonably assured, provided the weather does not continue cold during the next four weeks.